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The Top 20 Coolest Schools of 2018

It's that time of year again to assess colleges' performance in everything from what they teach and how they obtain their electricity to their sources of cafeteria food and how they manage their water. Nearly 270 institutions of higher learning across the U.S. and Canada completed *Sierra* magazine's exhaustive questionnaire, on the basis of which we've identified the Top 20 Coolest Schools in North America and detailed how they're mastering the art and science of campus sustainability.

[Check out *Sierra* magazine's Top 20 Coolest Schools rankings list for 2018.](#)

Photo courtesy of Green Mountain College



California Goes Big on Clean Energy

Imagine what it would be like if Californians Jerry Brown achieving 100 (after to overstate director to commit to

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like if we had a government that took climate change seriously. don't need to imagine it anymore. On September 10, Governor signed into law legislation that commits the Golden State to percent clean energy by 2045, becoming only the second state Hawai'i) to set a 100 percent clean energy goal. "It's impossible how significant a milestone it is," writes Sierra Club executive Michael Brune, "for a state as large and influential as California 100 percent clean energy."

[analysis of why California's action is so transformative—and happen next.](#)

Take Heed, Take Heed of the Western Wind

Tens of thousands marched in San Francisco last Saturday ahead of the Global Action Summit convening there later this week. Protesters called on leaders at all levels of government to take swift and meaningful action to combat climate change. The march was just one of hundreds of Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice protests held around the globe last weekend. Led by indigenous activists, the San Francisco march is estimated to be the largest climate protest ever held on the West Coast.

[Sierra magazine editor-in-chief Jason Mark was there.](#)

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Risking the Pokey to Stop a Pipeline

Native and non-native Dayton, to

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leaders just risked arrest to urge Minnesota's governor, Mark stop the destructive Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline.

[them and tell Governor Dayton to do everything in his power to](#)

Invasion of the Pathogens

According to the latest report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, insect- and other vector-borne-disease cases in the U.S. have nearly tripled in the past dozen years, including bites from mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas.

[Why are vector-borne diseases on the rise?](#)

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EXPLORE

Slow-Rolling Therapy

Leonie Sherman set off "to rehab a torn hamstring and a broken heart" by bicycling 380 miles from the northwesternmost corner of Oregon to her home in Northern California. "Each day amounted to a physical and emotional roller coaster that was mine to ride alone," she says. "The route dips and climbs over headlands and capes, along bays and sloughs ... and my emotions followed suit."

[Read about Sherman's healing quest.](#)

Photo courtesy of Leonie Sherman

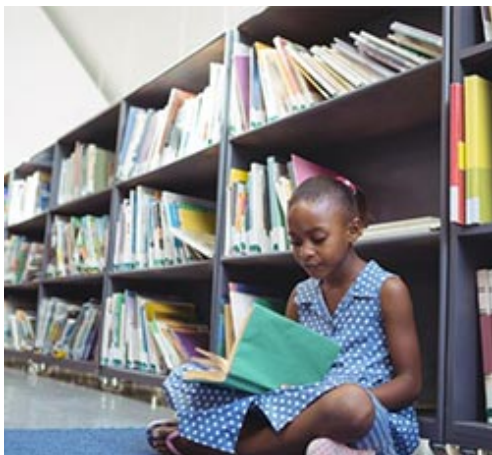


9 New Children's Books About Climate Change

"These days, they turn,"

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kids of all ages hear about climate change just about everywhere observes author, journalist, and mother Lela Nargi. "But understanding the underlying science—let alone the many-tentacled climate change on oceans, animals, once-temperate lands, and the breathe—is complicated." Nargi recommends nine new books that children the facts—sometimes straight up, sometimes couched stories—to help them learn about the rapidly warming, melting, parching world that their generation will be tasked with protecting.

[the list.](#)

Getting Over Harvey

Sierra Club Gulf Coast organizer Bryan Parras worked with the Houston Organizing Movement for Equity coalition and the School for Public Affairs at Texas Southern University to host a forum for Houston residents to share how Hurricane Harvey continues to affect their lives a year after it struck. "I'm not asking for charity," says one Houstonite who was denied FEMA aid. "I'm just asking for what I feel is owed me."

[Read more, and watch video testimonials of Space City residents who are still struggling to recover from Harvey.](#)



Demand for Goats Is Growing Like Weeds

Across California and the West, goats are being dispatched to overgrown patches of land to chomp down on vegetation and help create firebreaks to prevent fires from jumping from wildlands to homes and businesses.

[Meet the ravenous ruminants on the front lines of fire prevention.](#)

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Explore, Enjoy, and Protect Your Backyard

September 15 marks the 2nd Annual Backyard Day, a day dedicated to your literal or enjoy and protect those your location a 10K at your backyard is



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protecting the outdoor spaces you hold most dear. Whether in metaphorical backyard, join the Team Sierra Virtual 5K/10K to explore—and to raise essential funds for the Sierra Club to very spaces. The best part of a virtual race is that you can choose and mode of participation—hike a 5K on your local trails, kayak favorite river, or run a few miles through your downtown—your up to you.

[today.](#)

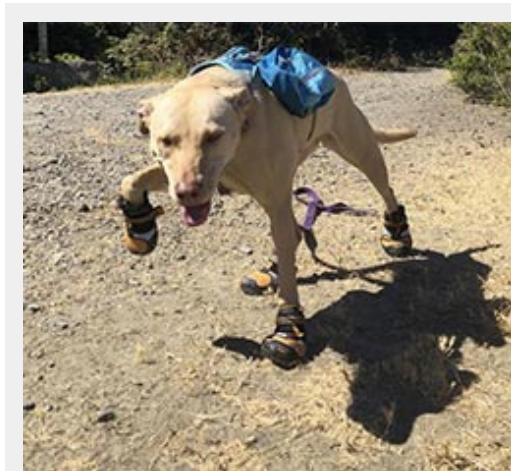
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A Woman and Her Dog on the Lost Coast

Sierra magazine's adventure and lifestyle editor Katie O'Reilly recently took a backpacking trip with her three-year-old pitbull-vizsla mix Maeve along California's fabled Lost Coast. As the two started up the black sand beach that fringes the greatest sea-to-summit scarp in the Lower 48, "Maeve was smiling and heeling, looking peppy and purposeful in her pack—not to mention adorable," O'Reilly says. "Dogs, I told myself, were meant for backpacking."

[But hiking with a canine companion has its ups and downs.](#)

Photo courtesy of Katie and Mick O'Reilly



Sponsored Content: Be Changed and Change the World

The Bioneers Conference gives visionary social and scientific innovators a platform for sharing solutions to the world's biggest environmental and social challenges. On October 19-21, we'll welcome author Michael Pollan, #BlackLivesMatter cofounder Patrisse Cullors, Greenpeace USA executive director Annie Leonard, and other incredible changemakers to the Marin Center in San Rafael, California.

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The Land I Trust

The Sierra Club's new audio storytelling and podcast series, *The Land I Trust*, climate getting out of Indigenous uniting

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September Astronomical Highlights

A full harvest moon leads the way to galaxies and asterisms (star clusters that are smaller than a constellation). A comet streaks across the heavens, visible with a backyard telescope. Four planets are arrayed across the sky from west to east; look toward one of them and you're looking into the heart of the Milky Way.

[Find out where and when to observe these and other celestial sightings.](#)



has a fresh season about the real consequences of fossil fuels and change in the American West. Listen to firsthand stories about coal mining after four generations to work in clean energy; communities moving beyond coal; and interfaith communities around solar power.

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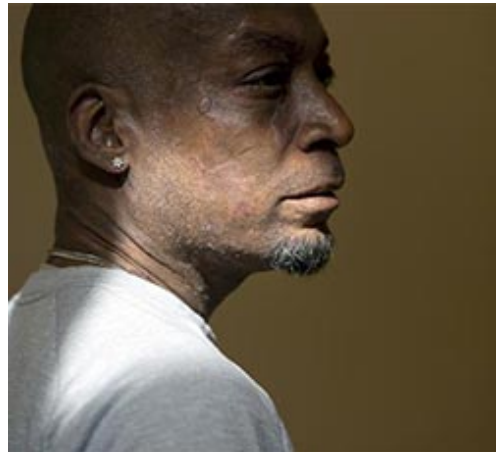


Think Twice Before Touching That Roundup

In concluding the world's first-ever court case against Monsanto Company over claims that its Roundup herbicide causes cancer, attorney Brent Wisner asked jurors to deliver a message so powerful that Monsanto couldn't ignore it.

[Read Sierra magazine's report on one man's fight to bring Monsanto to justice.](#)

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The Climate-Wrecking Industry—and How to Beat It

The veil of invulnerability that the climate wreckers new of the Worst"

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have hidden behind for decades is starting to tear. But will the corporate-accountability efforts be enough? Who are the "Worst in the ???climate-wrecking industry?"

[best ways to bring climate wreckers to account.](#)

Curt Melo

A Sierra Club Partnership

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Take Action for Clean Energy

Check out the latest video we've created in partnership with Seventh Generation! The five-part "Commit to Clean," video series features local leaders who are committed to driving positive momentum toward 100% clean, renewable energy in their communities.

[See how the Climate Justice League—a group of student leaders—is pushing for clean air, climate action, and clean energy in Boise and across Idaho.](#)

[And don't forget to join us for an evening of live storytelling and inspiration from changemakers across the country as they share their journeys to 100% clean energy.](#)



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